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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY IN THAILAND

1. U.S. NEWSMAN TOLD US APRIL 5 THAT CONVERSATION WITH DEMOCRAT PARTY LEADER SENI PRAMOJ INDICATED SENI CONSIDERED RETENTION OF SOME U.S. FORCES HERE "AN OPEN ISSUE." HE SAID, HOWEVER, SENI WAS "NONCOMMittal" ON THE OUT COME OF ANY RECONSIDERATION OF MARCH 20 ANNOUNCEMENT. SENI REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH HIS OWN PARTY'S LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS WITH LEADERS OF PROSPECTIVE COALITION PARTNERS TO DETERMINE THEIR VIEWS ON THE ISSUE. A FURTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED, HE TOLD THE NEWSMAN, WAS THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE ABOUT CONTINUING A U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE.

2. ANOTHER U.S. JOURNALIST, WHO MET SEPARATELY WITH SENI APRIL 5, TOLD US THAT "SENI DOES NOT APPARENTLY CONSIDER THE SUBJECT OF U.S. TROOPS AN OPEN ISSUE, BUT NEITHER DID HE SAY IT WAS A DEAD ISSUE. INSTEAD, SENI CALLED IT A DELICATE ISSUE, WHICH PRESUMES THAT IT IS STILL ALIVE."

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